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DYSFUNCTION DRUGS THROUGH AN)
INHALATION ROUTE)

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to the Bernoulli effect, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,511,726 to Greenspan et al. The low pressure is used to draw the fluid to be aerosolized out of a second tube. This fluid breaks into small droplets as it accelerates in the air stream. Disadvantages of this standard nebulizer design include relatively large particle size, lack of particle size uniformity, and low densities of small particles in the inhaled air.

5 Newer liquid aerosol technologies involve generating smaller and more uniform liquid particles by passing the liquid to be aerosolized through micron-sized holes. U.S. Pat. No. 6,131,570 to Schuster et al.; U.S. Pat. No. 5,724,957 to Rubsamem et al.; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,098,620 to Lloyd et al. describe the use of pressure generated by a piston to push fluid through a membrane with laser drilled holes. U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,586,550; 5,758,637; and 6,085,740 to Ivri et al.; and U.S. Pat. No. 5,938,117 to Ivri describe the use of vibration to move fluid through apertures in a shell that are larger on the fluid-coated side.

10 A limitation of both of these technologies is that they can deliver only very small quantities of liquid solution, e.g., less than 50 microliters, in a single breath. Because the solubility of many drug compounds in water or other solvents suitable for liquid aerosol delivery is low, the total quantity of drug that can be delivered in a single breath is quite small. In addition, the aerosol particle sizes generated by these methods, while small enough to result in substantial alveolar deposition in some cases, result in substantial non-alveolar deposition as well (Heyder et al., *Journal of Aerosol Science* 17:811-825 (1986); Dershwitz et al., *Anesthesiology* 93:619-628 (2000)).

15 Vaporizing drugs may provide a method of maximizing alveolar delivery and rapidly delivering drugs to target organs. Scented candles and oil lamps are known to volatilize various fragrances and herbal remedies when the wax or oil is heated. For example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,246 to Hammons et al. describes an oil lamp that volatilizes insect repellent compositions, deodorizing compositions, medicinal compounds, herbal compositions, and disinfectant compositions. U.S. Pat. No.

5,456,247 to Schilling et al. describes the administration of vaporized sulfamethazine, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxine, and gentamicin by inhalation of the vapor in a treatment chamber. Portable vaporizers and humidifiers that volatilize various compounds are also known. U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,734,560 and 4,853,517 to Bowen describe a vaporizing unit for medications, room deodorizers, room scenting compounds, and room insecticides. U.S. Pat. No. 4,566,451 to Badewien relates to a device that vaporizes medicated liquid. U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,906,417 to Gentry and 3,982,095 to Robinson describe humidifiers that vaporize medication. In the preceding examples, the vaporization of compounds occurs freely into air.

10 International application WO 94/09842 to Rosen describes a device with an electric heating element that vaporizes a predetermined amount of some agents. U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,917,119 to Potter et al.; 4,941,483 to Ridings et al.; 5,099,861 to Clearman et al.; 4,922,901 to Brooks et al.; and 4,303,083 to Buruss, Jr. also describe hand-held devices that vaporize various medications.

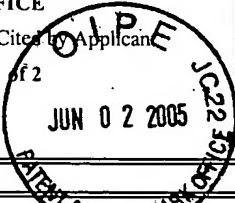
15 However, the heat required to vaporize a drug often also generates degradation products, which may decrease the efficacy of the thermal vapor and are undesirable to be delivered to the patient. Thus, a method that enhances drug volatilization without the formation of a substantial amount of degradation products is needed.

20 Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide a drug with desirable properties for thermal vapor delivery. Such improvement may involve providing a modified drug with enhanced volatility.

Another object of the invention is to provide a thermal vapor for inhalation therapy that does not contain a significant amount of thermal degradation products.

25 Yet another object of the invention is to provide a form of inhalation therapy where patients can titrate their intake of a drug.

These and other objects of the present invention will become apparent in light of the specific examples and description set forth hereinafter. All publications,

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